ABSTRACT

A method of enforcing network bandwidth limitation includes receiving a request from a client for transmission of a server's feed data and receiving a client timestamp from the client. The method further includes determining if feed data in a previous transmission from the server to the client has been lost, and if so, reimbursing the client for the lost data. The method further includes determining if the client is eligible to receive the requested feed data transmission from the server, and if the client is eligible, then immediately transmitting of the most recent available requested feed data from the server to the client, but if the client is not eligible, then preventing the transmission and withholding the feed data from the client without prolonging the duration of any network connection from the server to the client.